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1. CHINA
REUTER (4/17) QUOTES AMEMB SPOKESMAN SAT THAT CHINESE
MAN SCALED EMB WALLS 4/17, BUT AFTER 2 HRS TALKS WITH
DIPLOS, LEFT VOLUNTARILY/GAVE HIMSELF UP TO PRC POLICE.
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REUTER SAYS FACT INTRUDER DISCUSSED UNSPECIFIED VISA
PROBLEM SUGGESTED, LIKE MANY CHINESE, HE WANTED EMIGRATE
TO US.
AP (WPOST BEIJING) REPORTS XINHUA WARNED SUN THAT "FORCES
THAT FISH IN TROUBLED WATERS" COULD PROFIT IF
FALKLAND DISPUTE WORSENS/SAID SOME FOR PRESS COMMENTARIES
SEE SOVIET TRYING INFILTRATE FALKLANDS REGION.
REUTER (BEIJING 4/17) CITES XINHUA SAT REPORT THAT
CHINA IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SOME 400 MIL DOLS WORTH
INSTRUMENTS/EQUIPMENT TO MODERNIZE LABORATORIES IN 26
UNIVERSITIES/WORLD BANK TO PUT UP 200 MIL DOLS TOWARD
COST OF PROJECT, WITH PRC CONTRIBUTING SIMILAR SUM.
AP (BALTSUN BEIJING 4/18) REPORTS, IN "MAJOR VICTORY"
FOR DENG, 2 OF HIS ALLIES (WAN LI/YAO YILIN) WILL BE
ONLY VICE PREMIERS TO RETAIN POSTS IN GOVT SHUFFLE.
LAT (4/16) ITEM NOTES CHINA'S "NATL ARTS AND CRAFTS
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CORP" HAS WON PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION PREVENTING
LA BUSINESSMAN IRWIN JAEGER , HIS "JAEGER CARVED ARTS"
FIRM, FROM SELLING JADE ARTICLES PENDING TRIAL OF
SUIT SEEKING RETURN OF OBJECTS TO PRC. CITES
CHINESE CLAIM JAEGER REFUSED RETURN JADE AFTER HIS
CONTRACT TO SELL IT ON CONSIGNMENT EXPIRED. POINTS
OUT CASE FIRST IN WHICH PRC HAS SUBJECTED ITSELF
TO JUDGEMENT IN US COURT.
CSMONITOR/REUTER'S PASCOE 4/18/WPOST 4/17 (ALL
BEIJING) REPORT CHINA-SOVIET HAVE SIGNED NEW TRADE
AGREEMENT WORTH 300 MIL DOLS--ABOUT 50 PCT HIGHER

THAN LAST YR.
2. THAILAND
REUTER (NYT BANGKOK 4/18) SAYS THAILAND EXPECTED
PROCLAIM AMNESTY EARLY NEXT MONTH FOR MORE THAN
55,000 PRISONERS TO MARK BICENTENNIAL CHAKRI
DYNASTY. QUOTES OFFICIALS SAY THAT AMNESTY
DECREE, PREPARED BY JURIDICIAL COUNCIL, WOULD REDUCE
PRISONERS' SENTENCES BY 1/3, BUT THOSE CONVICTED
OF DRUG OFFENSES OR OF ENDANGERING NATL SECURITY
WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE.
REUTER OBSERVES SEVERAL HUNDRED FOREIGNERS CONVICTED
OF HEROIN TRAFFICKING ARE SERVING SENTENCES UP
TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.
REUTER ALSO QUOTES OFFICIALS THAT RTG HOPES CONCLUDE
PRISON EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS WITH SEVERAL FON
COUNTRIES SUCH AS US/AUSTRALIA/CANADA/FRANCE, BUT
HAS YET DECIDE WHETHER SUCH AGREEMENTS SHOULD
COVER FOREIGNERS CONVICTED OF DRUG OFFENSES.
EXPLAINS SUCH AGREEMENTS WOULD ENABLE FON NATIONALS
COMPLETE SENTENCES IN HOME COUNTRIES AFTER INITIAL
PERIOD IN THAI JAILS.
3. CHEMICAL WARFARE
REUTER (BANGKOK) CITES DIPLO SOURCES MON TEAT TEAM OF
AUSSIE MII EXPERTS HAS ARRIVED THAILAND TO
EXAMINE ROCKET WHICH LAO RESISTANCE FIGHTERS CLAIM HAS
POISON GAS WARHEAD WITH SOVIET MARKINGS. REPORTS
AUSSIE EMB WON'T CONFIRM OR DENY ROCKET TURNED OVER
TO GOA OFFICIALS, BUT NOTES SOURCES SAID AUSSIES
SKEPTICAL OF CLAIM IT CONTAINED MYCOTOXINS.

4. JAPAN
JOCOMMERCE REPORTS MITSUBISHI PRES TOMAEECHI, IN REMARKS
PREPARED FOR WKEND MEETING AT HARVARD'S CENTER FOR
INTL AFFAIRS, STATED US COMPANIES SHOULD TRY "TURN
TO YOUR OWN ADVANTAGE" JAPAN'S CULTURE/SOCIAL STRUCTURE,

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WHILE JAPAN SHOULD ELIMINATE ITS REMAINING TRADE BARRIERS. NOTES TOMABECHI SAID JAPAN MUST PRESENT MORE "RATIONAL PICTURE OF (ITS OWN) SITUATION, EVEN WHEN (IT'S) NOT UNDER THE GUN OF SOME TRADE CRISIS." SAYS HE ALSO ADDED REMOVAL OF LINGERING AGRI QUOTAS PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO MUCH INCREASE US EXPORTS TO JAPAN.

NYT'S LOHR (TOKYO 4/18) NOTES MITTERAND WAS OFFERED WHAT DESCRIBED BY GOJ OFFICIALS AS "TEA AND SYMPATHY AND POLITESSE," DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO JAPAN. STATES PRES URGED SUZUKI TAKE STEPS REDUCE JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS WITH WEST; 5 MINS ACCOMPANYING MITTERAND MET WITH COUNTERPARTS TO TRY WIN TRADE CONCESSIONS. ACCORDING FONMIN SPOKESMAN NAITO.

ACCORDING LOHR, TRIP APPEARED SO COMMERCIALLY MOTIVATED THAT WHEN MITTERAND WAS ASKED ABOUT IT AT FRI NEWS CONF HE REPLIED, "I AM NOT A SALESMAN FOR FRANCE." POINTS OUT JAPANESE DID NOT SEEM MUCH INTERESTED IN BUYING, ANYWAY; ADDS FRANCE HAS LITTLE LEVERAGE IN TRADE CONCESSIONS, AS CITED BY JAPANESE TRADE OFFICIALS WHO STATED THEY HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR SINCE "FRENCH MARKET IS ALREADY CLOSED TO US." LOHR REPORTS MITTERAND/SUZUKI BROADLY AGREED EXPAND

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SCIENTIFIC/TECH CO-OP IN ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING OCEAN DEVELOPMENT PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY REPROCESSING NUKE WASTES.

LATIMES (4/16) REPORTS MITTERAND TOLD SUZUKI HE INTENDS SUBJECT BOTH US POLICY OF HIGH INTEREST RATES/JAPAN'S TRADE POLICY TO SCRUTINY AT SCHEDULED JUNE SUMMIT.

JOC'S CULLISON (TOKYO) REPORTS GOV SOURCES SAID OVER WKEND IT HAS DRAWN UP PACKAGE OF MEASURES INTENDED TO OPEN MARKETS WIDER TO FON IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON 22 FARM/FISHERY PRODUCTS; SPEED UP IMPORT INSPECTION FORMALITIES; SLASH DUTIES ON IMPORTED GOODS; LIBERALIZE SERVICE TRADES, EXPAND PURCHASES OF FON MFRD GOODS/ MODERNIZE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS/ BUSINESS PRACTICES EXPAND EXCHANGE OF VANGUARD TECHNOLOGY.

CULLISON POINTS OUT SINCE US HAS PROPOSED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON RESIDUAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON 22 FARM/FISHERY PRODUCTS UNDER GATT, PACKAGE SHOULD NEITHER BASE NOR LIFT CURBS ON SUCH IMPORTATIONS.

NOTES DRAFT PACKAGE IS EXPECTED BE SUBMITTED TO HIGH-LEVEL CONF OF GOVT OFFICIALS/LDP LEADERS SCHEDULED FOR APR 26.

5. JAPAN/KOREA

NYT'S SCOTT-STOKES (TOKYO 4/19) STATES JAPAN/SK APPEAR MOVING TOWARD DEADLOCK ON ROK'S REQUEST FOR 6 BIL DOLS IN AID. NOTES FINMIN WATANABE FRI SAID

TOKYO COULD NOT PLEDGE MORE THAN 800 MIL DOLS IN OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT AID TO SEOUL COVERING PERIOD '82-'86. ADDS WATANABE ALSO SAID AT NEWS CONF JAPAN PREPARED MORE THAN DOUBLE ITS AID FROM 300-MIL-DOL LEVEL OF LAST 3 YRS BECAUSE OF "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP"
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BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES; BUT SAID FONMIN PROPOSAL TO GIVE UP TO 4 BIL DOLS IN ALL TYPES OF AID/LOANS FOR 11 MAJOR PROJECTS "NOT REALISTIC." SAYS PROPOSAL DOES NOT HAVE FINMIN'S SUPPORT.
ACCORDING SCOTT-STOKES, THIS FIRST TIME FINMIN HAD STATED WHAT APPEARS UPPER LIMIT ON OFFICIAL AID TO SEOUL.
COMMENT AND ANALYSES
6. CHINA
NYT'S CS WREN (BEIJING 4/17) NOTES PRC FRI WARNED SINO-US RELS REMAINED AT CRITICAL STAGE OVER TAIWAN ARMS ISSUE/ THAT STILL POSSIBLE THEY COULD WORSEN. SUGGESTS ASSERTION IN "PD" FRONT-PAGE COMMENTARY SEEMED DESIGNED, AT LEAST IN PART, ASSURE CHINESE READERS THEIR GOVT HAD NOT GIVEN IN TO REAGAN ADMIN BY FAILING TO RETALIATE AGAINST ITS DECISION SELL TAIWAN MIL SPARE PARTS. FEELS "CLEAR IMPLICATION PRESENTED" BY PD WAS THAT REAGAN ADMIN HAD COMMITTED SELF TO PROVIDE TAIWAN NO FURTHER ARMS, SO LONG AS CHINA INSISTED UPON DISCUSSING ISSUE. ADDS APPEARANCE OF COMMENTARY IN OFFICIAL CCP NEWSPAPER SEEMED INDICATE CHINESE LEADERSHIP CONCERN THAT ITS FAILURE RETALIATE AGAINST US FOR ARRANGING SEND ISLAND MIL SPARE PARTS WAS BEING MISREAD AT HOME/ABROAD AS EITHER ACQUIESCENCE OR LOSS OF NERVE.
ALSO POSSIBLE, ADDS WREN, THAT DENG REGIME HAD CONFRONTED CRITICISM FROM HARD-LINERS WITHIN PARTY/GOVT, AND WAS SEEKING REBUT INFERENCES IT WAS SOFT ON REAGAN ADMIN,
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AS WELL AS ASSURE AVERAGE CHINESE IT HAD NOT BACKED DOWN ON TAIWAN ISSUE. OBSERVES PD ARTICLE ATTRIBUTED TO ANONYMOUS COMMENTATOR -- "USUALLY AN INDICATION OF AUTHORITY"; AND WHILE IT FOLLOWED OUTLINE OF PROTEST PRESENT HUMMEL WEDS, "TONE WAS TOUGHER."
STLPOST-DISPATCH'S RL KOENIG (4/12) QUOTES U OF MO PROF WINSTON HSIEGH, WHO ORGANIZED 4/2 CHICAGO "ASSN OF ASIAN STUDIES" DEBATE BETWEEN PRC TAIWAN SCHOLARS, AS PREDICTING DEVELOPMENT CLOSER TIES BETWEEN 2 SIDES AS RESULT. NOTES HSIEH LAUDED DEBATE AS EVENT BOTH SIDES "COULD JOIN WITHOUT POLITICAL SACRIFICE. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE 2 CHINAS CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY ESTABLISHING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN

REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH NATIONS. THAT DIALOGUE HAS NOW BEGUN."
KOENING REPORTS HSIEH SAID HE WENT TO BEIJING/TAIPEI LAST SEPT TO PERSUADE HISTORIANS FROM BOTH PLACES PARTICIPATE IN CHICAGO CONVENTION; WHEN BOTH SIDES REFUSED CONDUCT BILATERAL MEETINGS, HE AGREED INCLUDE SCHOLAR FROM JAPAN IN FORUM AND SEVERAL WESTERN PARTICIPANTS IN ASIAN STUDIES ASSN. NOTES HE DESCRIBED HOW 5 SCHOLARS FROM TAIWAN & FROM BEIJING MET 3/31 WHEN THEY TOOK SAME PLANE SFO TO CHI; THAT THIS CHANCE ENCOUNTER IN AIR BROKE ICE, HELPED BRIDGE IDEOLOGICAL CHASM BETWEEN THEM.
KOENIG REPORTS MAJOR PAPERS FROM PRC/TAIWAN COVERED EVENT; 700 OBSERVERS/SCHOLARS IN PACKED AUDITORIUM HARDLY MOVED DURING 3-4 HR DEBATE.
TUFTS U PROF DW KLEIN (BOSTGLOBE 4/16) FINDS "CERTAIN LOGIC" IN POSITIONS OF US/PRC/TAIWAN ABOUT US ARMS SALES TO ISLAND; FIELS, HOWEVER, THEY SEEM IGNORE MORE CRUCIAL REALITIES--IS CHINA LIKELY ATTACK ISLAND? MORE IMPORTANT, WHAT WOULD BE CONSEQUENCES?
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TO KLEIN, MAINLAND "SNEAK ATTACK" ON TAIWAN "IS IMPOSSIBLE," IN VIEW OF ISLAND'S "WELL- EQUIPPED" FORCES/FACT THAT US MIL FORCES CONSTANTLY MONITOR AREA. SAYS, IN ADDITION, SUCH PRC DRIVE WOULD LEAVE RELS WITH US SHATTERED--IN TERMS OF SUCH THINGS AS US TRADE AND GRAIN SHIPMENTS, TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR CHINESE IN US, DAMAGE TO PRC'S HOPES OF EXPLOITING ITS OIL PRESERVES; "CHINA HONEYMOON" IN US WOULD END AT CONGRESSIONAL/PUBLIC LEVELS, AS WOULD TOURIST INDUSTRY.
KLEIN SAYS BEIJING STRATEGISTS MUST ALSO CONSIDER, AS BY-PRODUCTS OF TAIWAN INVASION, THAT PRC CANNOT AFFORD YET ANOTHER ARMED FRONT, WHAT WITH SOVIET ON ITS NORTHERN BORDER, NEED WATCH VIETNAM TO SOUTH. RELS WITH JAPAN, TOO, WOULD SUFFER, SAYS KLEIN, AND MOVE WOULD SURELY "THROW FEAR INTO SEASIAN HEARTS." SEES SPEC IRONY ABOUT CHINA'S DESIRE/NEED USE FORCE TO WIN TAIWAN: CHINA'S FEAR OF SOVIET LED TO ITS DECADE-LONG POLICY TO MODERNIZE WITH ACTIVE WESTERN/JAPANESE AID; THAT, IN TURN, HAS MEANT TACIT ABANDONMENT OF PRC'S PREVIOUS DETERMINATION LIBERATE TAIWAN BY FORCE; AND THUS "ALLEGED NEED FOR STILL MORE US ARMS FOR TAIWAN SIMPLY ILLUSTRATES THE OLD SAYING THAT GENERALS TOO OFTEN FIGHT THE LAST WAR."
7. THAILAND
NYT'S CAMPBELL (BANGKOK 4/18) SAYS, SINCE BEGINNING OF MONTH, COUNTRY CELEBRATING BICENTENNIAL OF CHAKRI DYNASTY. OBSERVES, HOWEVER, MOST SPECTACULAR FEATURES

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OF CELEBRATION ON WANE. REPORTS MANY FON GUESTS, INCLUDING REAGAN'S REP SEN PERCY, HAVE LEFT TOWN. ADDS WHILE ROYAL BARGES/CHANTING OARSMEN DUE TO PLY MUDDY CHAO PHRAYA RIVER FOR ANOTHER WK, FOCUS FOR MANY HAS SHIFTED TO MARKING NEW YR, WHICH ARRIVED LAST TUES.
CAMPBELL NOTES W DIPLOS/OTHER ANALYSTS CONSIDER MONARCHY GLUE WHICH HAS HELD COUNTRY TOGETHER SINCE LAST RULING KING TURNED INTO REIGNING FIGUREHEAD IN '32. REPORTS RTG HAS USED BICENTENNIAL TO AFFIRM RESPECT FOR MONARCHY/ EVOKE PAST/EMPHASIZE UNITY AMID "FIRE" OF UNAVOIDABLE POL/ECON EVOLUTION. REPORTS THAIS SAY PRIVATELY THAT "FIRE" INCLUDES DIVISIVE CHALLENGES OF RAPID BUT UNEVEN ECON DEV/INTERMITTENT DEMOCRACY/HIGH CRIME RATES INSISTENT INSURGENCIES/REGULAR MIL COUPS/PRESENCE OF VIET ARMY ACROSS CAMBODIAN BORDER.
CAMPBELL NOTES SOME HOTEL KEEPERS/OTHERS WHO DEPEND ON TOURISTS COMPLAIN GOVT BICENTENNIAL ORGANIZERS, UNDER PREM'S CHAIRMANSHIP, HAVE DONE POOR JOB OF INTL PROMOTION; FOR TOURISTS ARRIVING ONLY AT AVERAGE RATES. BUT, ACCORDING CAMPBELL, TEN THOUSANDS OTHERS-- INCLUDING THAIS WHO HAVE STREAMED INTO CAPITAL FROM PROVINCES--SEEM TO HAVE FOUND BICENTENNIAL HEADY PAGEANT.
8. CHEMICAL WARFARE
BALTSON (EDIT) REGRETS US CHARGES USSR USING CHEM/ TOXIN WEAPONS IN AFGHANISTAN/SEASIA ARE "UNFOR- TUNATELY LINED W/ADMIN'S EFFORTS RESUME US CHEM WEAPONS PRODUCTION. EXPLAINS, BECAUSE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF SOVIET VIOLATIONS OF GENEVA CONVENTION SO CONVINCING, NO GROUNDS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR SUSPICIONS THAT WASHDC HAS ULTERIOR MOTIVE IN PRESENTING CASE.
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WARNS MORAL FORCE OF US CASE COULD BE UNDERMINED BY ADMIN EFFORTS TO BEGIN BINARY NERVE GAS PRODUCTION. BELIEVES CASE FOR STEP-UP IN US DEFENSIVE MEASURES AGAINST ENEMY CHEM OR TOXIN ATTACK SEEMS CLEAR (SOVIETS HAVE BUILT UP LARGER STOCKPILES THAN US TRAINED FAR MORE TROOPS FOR CHEM WARFARE/DEVELOPED TANKS, OTHER VEHICLES TO OPERATE UNDER CHEM WARFARE CONDITIONS/THERE EVIDENCE THEY EXPERIMENTING WITH LETHAL TRICHOTHECENES/OTHER AGENTS IN REMOTE PARTS OF ASIA--LEADING AMERICANS TO WONDER WHAT ADVERSARIES HAVE IN MIND). BUT, SUN CONCLUDES, CURRENT US STOCKS-- EVEN WITH GROWING OBSOLESCENCE--SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT DETERRENT UNTIL ADMIN CAN DETERMINE IF THERE ANY HOPE

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LEFT FOR CHEM DISARMAMENT TREATY.
WP'S BRANIGIN (PAN VINAI CAMP, THAILAND 4/18). IN LENGTHY STORY IN HIS INVESTIGATIONS OF CHEM WARFARE USE CHARGES, SAYS ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE ALONG LAO BORDER IN BANGKOK OFFER STRONG SUPPORT FOR CHARGE THAT POISONOUS CHEMICALS USED AGAINST HMONG. NOTES CASE FOR ALLEGATIONS, THOUGH CIRCUMSTANTIAL, INCLUDES STATEMENTS BY HMONG REFS DESCRIBING CHEM ATTACKS/INTERVIEWS WITH WESTERN DRS WHO HAVE TREATED LARGE NUMBER REFS/REPORTS BY DIPLO AND MIL SOURCES/INDEPENDENT NEWS ACCOUNTS QUOTING VIET AND LAO MIL DEFECTORS WHO CLAIM THEY KNEW OF CHEM WEAPONS' USE.
BRANIGIN THINKS SIMPLE, UNSOPHISTICATED HMONG MOST CREDIBLE OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF VICTIMS. POINTS OUT, UNLIKE KR, HMONG HAVEN'T MADE CONCERTED EFFORT WRING PROPAGANDA BENEFITS FROM CHEM WARFARE REPORTS. CITES ACCOUNT OF CHEM ATTACK FROM HMONG REF MAI XIONG.
BRANIGIN NOTES SOME W DIPLOS BELIEVE SKEPTICISM
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IN US/OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES ABOUT CHEM WEAPONS' USE MAY PARTIALLY ACCOUNT FOR LAO/VIET APPARENT PERSISTENCE IN USING THEM. SAYS IT NOT CLEAR EXACTLY WHAT KINDS CHEM WEAPONS BEING USED. NOTES REFS DESCRIBE SUBSTANCES OF VARIETY OF COLORS/MODES OF DELIVERY/PHYSICAL EFFECTS. SAYS HMONG STATEMENTS THAT CATS/PINEAPPLES SURVIVED ATTACKS KILLING OFF OTHER ANIMAL/PLANT LIFE PUZZLE EXPERTS/UNDERSCORE HOW LITTLE KNOWN ABOUT THESE WEAPONS. BUT FINDS MANY DETAILS IN HMONG ACCOUNTS SIMILAR/POINT TO POSSIBLE TRICHOTHECENE USE.
BRANIGIN OBSERVES CHEM WEAPONS' USE BARRED UNDER '25 GENEVA PROTOCOL/USSR, LAOS, SRV, AFGHANISTAN GOVTS HAVE ALL STRONGLY DENIED US CHARGES. NOTES US SAYS INTL ACCORD DIDN'T COVER DEFOLIANTS/TEAR GAS USED IN VN. ADDS US INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE AGENT ORANGE OTHER US CHEMICALS CAPTURED BY COMMUNISTS IN '75 TAKEOVER OF SVN ALSO BEING USED TODAY BY VIETS/ALLIES IN ADDITION TO DEADLIER MYCOTOXINS.
BRANIGIN REPORTS, IN ADDITION TO TESTIMONY OF HMONG REFS HE INTERVIEWED, 4 WESTERN DRS--2 AMERICANS BRIT/FIL--WHO CARE FOR HMONG REFS TOLD HIM IN SEPARATE INTERVIEWS THEY CONVINCED TRIBESMEN ATTACKED WITH CHEMICALS. QUOTED DR TOWNSEND THAT INTERVIEWS WITH NUMBER OF HMONG REFS INDICATED COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES OFTEN VISIT VILLAGES AFTER THEY ATTACKED "TO SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE DIED AND HOW MANY WERE SICK." NOTES TOWNSEND CALLED LAOS "OPEN LABORATORY"/SAYS HE BELIEVES ATTACKERS STILL EXPERIMENTING WITH DISPERSION MODES, USING 5-6 DIFFERENT TYPES AIRCRAFT/DIFFERENT DELIVERY MODES/"VERY LIKELY, DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHEMICALS."

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BRANIGIN CITES CRITICISM OF UN INVESTIGATING TEAM THAT THEIR EFFORTS "INADEQUATE." NOTES THAI MIL SOURCE
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INDICATED TEAM REFUSED KR OFFER VISIT TERRITORY IT CONTROLS TO EXAMINE SITES OF ALLEGED CHEM ATTACKS. WPOST INSERTS STATEMENT FROM UN SPOKESMAN THAT THERE NO REFERENCE IN UN PANEL'S REPORT TO KR HAVING MADE SUCH OFFER/THAT PANEL DECIDED AGAINST VISITING REF CAMP NEAR BORDER, WHERE MANY KHMER VICTIMS OF ALLEGED ATTACKS STAYING, BECAUSE PANEL FELT IT NOT SAFE TO GO THERE. POST NOTES UN STATEMENT SAID, "WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY AN AD HOC EXERCISE OF THIS NATURE, THE GROUP UNDERTOOK A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION." BRANIGIN QUOTES THAI SOURCE, HOWEVER, THAT UN REPORT BARELY MENTIONED INTERESTING INTERVIEW W/VIET DEFECTOR, WHO DESCRIBED 3 TYPES CHEMICALS USED/SAID USSR PROVIDED SIZE SHELLS WITH RUSSIAN MARKINGS USED TO FIRE SUBSTANCES FROM ARTILLERY. QUOTES BRIEFER, VAGUER ACCOUNT OF DEFECTOR'S TESTIMONY IN UN REPORT ALONG WITH WHAT THAI SOURCE REPORTED HE SAID.
BRANIGIN ALSO CITES TESTIMONY OF LAO DEFECTOR WHO CLAIMED, IN DETAILED ARTICLE IN JAN ISSUE OF "FEER," THAT HE FLEW PLANE FROM WHICH MYSTERIOUS MISSILES WITH UNKNOWN GAS WERE FIRED AT HMONG VILLAGES FROM '76-'78. REPORTS DEFECTOR'S DESCRIPTION OF BILLOWING CLOUDS OF YELLOW/LIGHT RED SMOKE WITH LITTLE BLUE-WHITE SMOKE AT POINT OF DETONATION MATCHES DESCRIPTION GIVEN HIM BY HMONG GUERRILLA OF FEB ATTACK HE WITNESSED IN LAOS.
9. PHILIPPINES
NYT (4/18) CARRIES A 2-PAGE AD FROM BLOOMINGDALES
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ON SHOW "PHILIPPINES, LAND OF FRIENDS." AD SAYS SOPHISTICATION OF "THIS ASIAN PARADISE" IS "WITHOUT QUESTION"/20TH CENTURY CITIES, CONTEMPORARY ATTITUDES OF "REMARKABLE" LAND/PEOPLE BUILT ON "FIRM FOUNDATION OF MUTUAL SUPPORT, ADMIRATION, AND SINCERE FRIENDSHIP THAT REACHES FAR INTO THE PAST." CITES "DAZZLING CONTRAST" IN COUNTRY BETWEEN METRO LIFE/LUSH TROPICAL FORESTS--NOW VISIBLE IN STORE'S DISPLAY. INVITES PEOPLE 'SEE, HEAR, TASTE, AND SENSE THE RHYTHM OF THE PHILIPPINE'S SPIRIT"; "IT COMMANDS, 'LIVE.'" WP 4/18 CARRIES 1-PAGE VERSION OF AD. NYT'S SLESIN (4/15) DESCRIBES PHIL PRODUCTS DISPLAYED IN SHOW.
10. GENERAL
CSMONITOR CARRIES 12-PAGE SUPPLEMENT, "ECONOMIC REPORT"
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ON ASIA. LEAD ARTICLE HEADLINES: "'LOCOMOTIVE OF PROSPERITY' MAY BE LOSING STEAM."
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